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Oak Creek, Wisconsin Man Arrested for Using a Computer to Entice a Minor into Unlawful Sexual Activity

United States Attorney Michelle L. Jacobs announced this morning that Harry J. Janikowski, 62, of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, was arrested late yesterday for using a computer connected to the Internet to entice a minor into unlawful sexual conduct. According to the affidavit submitted in support of the criminal complaint that charges Janikowski with this crime, Janikowski was arrested at the Brookfield Square shopping center at approximately 5 PM on Wednesday as he attempted to meet with a minor for the purpose of engaging in unlawful sexual activity. The rendezvous, according to the affidavit, was arranged over the Internet following extensive, sexually-graphic computer chats between Janikowski and an undercover law enforcement officer posing as a fourteen year old boy. Federal search warrants were executed later at Janikowski's residence in Oak Creek and at his business, Regal Printing, in South Milwaukee. Janikowski's initial appearance in federal court in Milwaukee will likely occur today.

The federal charge against Janikowski, which carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of ten years, is the result of a joint investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations, the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Brookfield, Wisconsin Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan H. Koenig is prosecuting this case.

According to United States Attorney Michelle L. Jacobs, "the Department of Justice has made the protection of our nation's children a top priority through Project Safe Childhood, and prosecutions such as this further this priority."

The public is cautioned that a criminal complaint is merely a formal method of charging an individual and does not constitute evidence of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, the government establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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